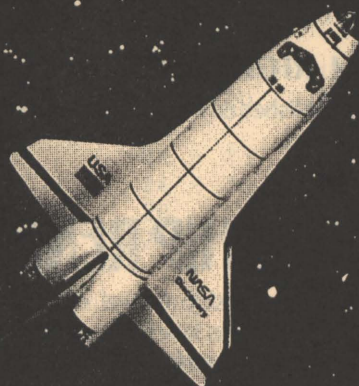


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# EDITORIAL

Members and subscribers who failed to attend our June Discussion Night, missed out on a pleasant surprise. Our Guest Speaker was Mr. Ken Llewelyn, RAAF Senior Public Relations Officer in Canberra, who spoke about his newly published book FLIGHT INTO THE AGES.

It is not always possible to announce our Guest Speakers in time for publication of our Bulletin so we suggest you attend all the Discussion Nights in order to not miss out on interesting speakers.

For members who did not have the opportunity to meet our overseas visitors, Retired USAF Major Dewey Fournet and his wife Win; Major Fournet was the Pentagon's liaison officer, with Al Chop, Public Relations Officer for the US Air Force, in the early fifties. On retirement, joined the organisation NICAP, and whilst on the board of governors, was among those pushing for open Congressional hearings on UFO investigations.

We now have a documentary video portraying the part of these two officers in the dramatic incident of the early period of the 1950's. The main event occurring during that time was the violation of air space by UFO's over Washington D.C. and nearby defence areas.

During his visit with the VUFORS Committee. Dewey stated that even to this day, the objects have never been identified.

In the last edition of the Bulletin a mistake was made in the Editorial. The Endeavour Hills Video was taken on the 21st not the 15th of February.

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## ON THE UFO TRAIL

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The percentage of sighting reports which indicate UFO's function under intelligent control, are the cases where a large object is operating with smaller objects. At times the large objects are seen to launch smaller objects and/or take them back on board, much the same as an aircraft carrier launches and receives air-craft at sea, only the UFO's operate in the sky. The large object is usually a long shape or described as cigar-shaped, while the smaller ones are invariably disc or circular in shape.

On numerous occasions, when a number of small objects is observed, there is a cigar-shaped object near by. One of the earliest recordings of modern day "satellite" cases occurred in the Summer of 1944, when three smaller discs were seen to be detaching themselves from a parent oval-shaped object over Grenada, Mississippi, USA. They moved away in different directions.

During Autumn 1951, five smaller objects flew out of a large object. When the pilot pressed the radio button to report the sighting, the UFOs disappeared quickly.

This incident occurred while in flight from Birmingham, Alabama, to Chattanooga, Tennessee.

During 1952, engineers observed a parent object emitting five smaller objects from one.

On April 29, 1952, hundreds of witnesses in Singapore witnessed a silver colored cigar shaped object emit bright lights which sped away in various directions.

On July 23, 1952, Aircraft plant employee watched a silver elliptical object over

city, launch two smaller discs over Culver City, California. The disc circled area then flew back to the parent object which climbed straight up at high speed.

August 27, 1952, three witnesses at Denham, Bucks. England, saw a large object eject small object and later, two more flew out of the main object and flew off in different directions.

October 27, 1952, hundreds of people at Gaillac, France, observed a parent cigar shaped object plus 16 discs with domes fly in pairs, zigging over the area, hair-like substance fell from the object.

June 30th 1954, the well known encounter of BOAC Captain James Howard and his crew with a large object flying with six small objects. As an interceptor approached from Labrador, the small craft flew back to the parent object which flew away at a fast speed.

September 14, 1954. Farmers at Vendee, France, observed a parent cigar object appear out of the clouds horizontally, tilted vertically, emitted shiny disc which spiralled around cigar, darted away; finally returned, re-entered cigar, which returned to horizontal, flew away into clouds.

September 22, 1954, at Fontainebleau, France, a parent (luminous ball) emitted several smaller ball-like objects from underside, which flew away in all directions. As an airplane approached, large object rose into clouds at high speed.

September 8, 1957 at Offutt AFB. Omaha, Nebraska. Maj. Paul Duich and other officers observed an elongated object

with small dark objects maneuvering around it. Finally the formation moved away to the west.

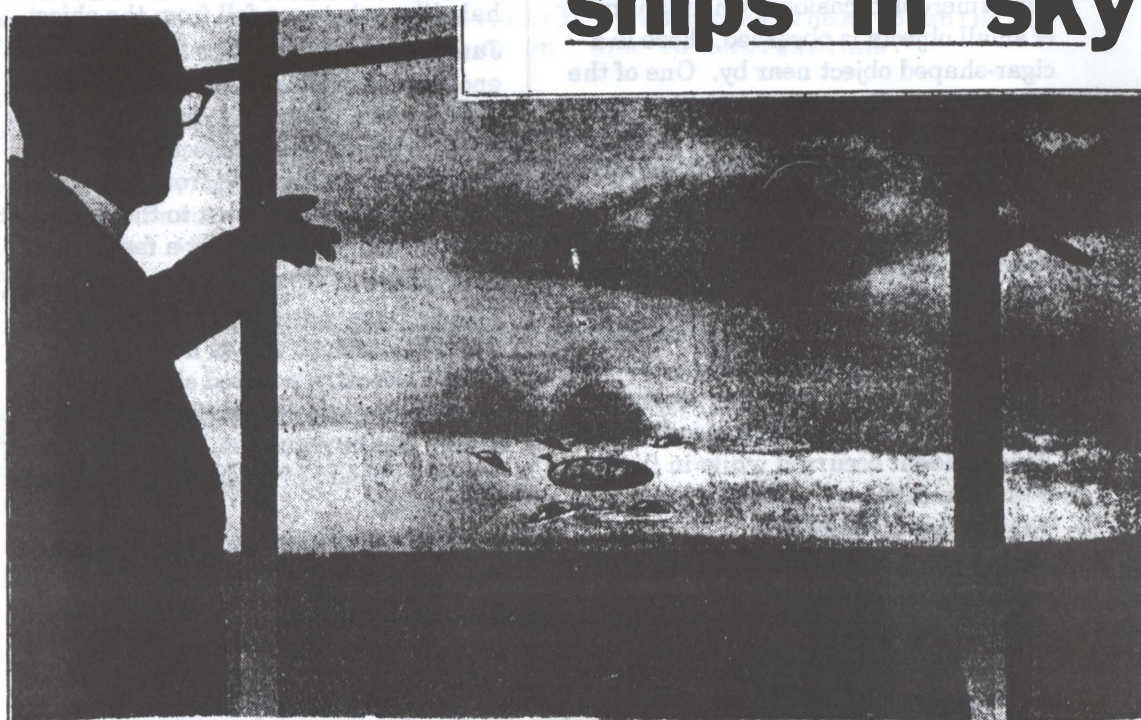
These cases are a sample of incidents taken from the UFO Evidence, compiled by Richard Hall.

The following case (also in the 'Evidence') originated with VUFORS

The incident occurred October 4, 1960, over Cressy, Tasmania, where an Anglican minister and his wife observed a parent cigar-shaped object with vertical bands operating with 5-6 smaller discs. Parent object descended from clouds, followed by discs which stopped around cigar object and finally rose rapidly into the clouds.

Years later, during 1967, VUFORS arranged interview for Professor James McDonald with Rev. Browning and his wife, and in September 1973, an interview was arranged with same couple with Dr. J. Allen Hynek. The Wing Commander who first investigated this case is also known to veteran committee members of VUFORS.

## Mysterious ships in sky



Rev. Lionel Browning, an Anglican minister and Tasmanian Secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Mrs. Browning, observed in Cressy, Tasmania a strange cigar-shaped airship accompanied by five smaller craft at 6.10 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 1960.

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Pictured is Mr. Browning pointing through the rectory window in the direction of the sighting. The EXAMINER's (Launceston, Tas.) artist has drawn in the objects from the Browning's description and a sketch by Mrs. Browning.

"There was definitely a mother ship and five or six flying saucers," said Rev. Browning. "First we saw a large dull-grey object about 300 feet long. It came at plane-stalling speed and seemed to pause."

Rev. Browning estimated the speed of the ship at less than 50 m.p.h. The object was stationary for about 30 seconds.

"Then out of the clouds above and behind the ship, five or six small discs came shooting at terrific speed." According to the minister they were approximately 30 feet across and flat underneath with a dome on top. The noiseless mother ship had four vertical bands and at the bow there was a moving device like radar or propeller.

The long ship and the saucers were seen for two minutes. The mother ship as well as the smaller craft reversed their course and disappeared in the clouds.

Rev. L. Browning stated the discs "came towards the ship like flat stones skipping along water." This is very significant because Kenneth Arnold described the flight of nine flying saucers near Mt. Rainier, Washington in 1947 in almost the same terms.

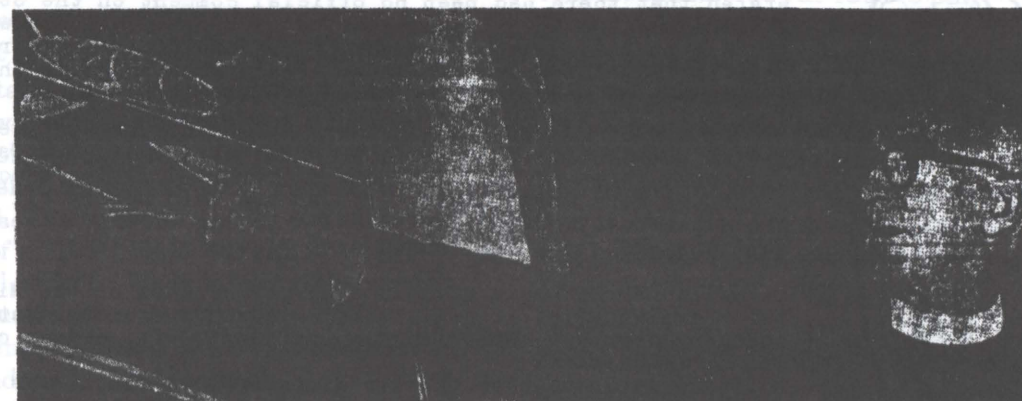
The clergyman and his wife were reticent about releasing this sighting until they heard other local residents' reports. The Civil Aviation Department seems to have taken this case seriously because of the background of the two principal observers and the testimony of local residents.

Mrs. Doris Bransden of Cressy said: "It was a fantastic sight - like a lot of little ships flocking around a bigger one."

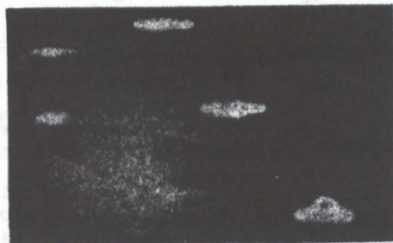
Two hours after the sighting loud explosions took place in the locality. "It was like a bomb or an earthquake," Mr. Brad Spencer told the press.

The aviation authorities stated there were no planes in the area at the time of Rev. Browning's sighting.

It is a notable fact that the clergyman did not believe in the reality of flying saucers before his experience.



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Mother ship releasing Scouts.  
Six Scouts (flying saucers) are seen.  
Last of four telescopic pictures in  
a series taken by George Adamski.

**AUTHORITY** should not ridicule people who reported flying saucers, the Rev. Lionel Browning said last night, addressing more than 200 people at a Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society convention in Kelvin Hall.

Mr Browning is the Anglican clergyman who says that he and his wife saw flying saucers and a "mother ship" at Cressy, Tasmania, last month.

Mr Browning said that he and his wife, from a rectory window, saw "up to eight" sauc-

ers near the "mother ship," a grey, cigar-shaped object.

The cigar-shaped object paused after emerging from a rainstorm, then the saucers appeared.

"There was something ominous about the precision with which the

homing took place around the mother ship," Mr Browning said.

Mr Browning said he believed that authority knew a good deal more about sky objects than it was prepared to say. Authority apparently did not want to create a panic, he said.

Note the remarkable similarity between the controversial George Adamski photograph and Rev.L.Browning's sketch.

## TASMANIAN UFO STIR IN CANBERRA

The report of the Tasmanian clergyman, Rev.L.Browning, featured in this magazine was brought to the attention of the Federal Government by our Melbourne Co-Editor, Mr.Peter Norris, LL.D. who wrote this in the "Herald" on October 12: "Is the Federal Government satisfied that unfriendly nations are not infringing Australian territorial sovereignty?"

Hon. L.C.Haylen (Lab. N.S.W.) suggested to the Minister of Defence A.G.Townley on October 13 that a Parliamentary committee be appointed to investigate flying saucers.

On October 18 the question of the "foreign bodies known as flying saucers" came up in the Senate. Senator O'Byrne (Lab. Tasmania) wanted to know if flying saucers were investigated by the Defence Department and if they were part of Australia's own defence system.



SENATOR SPOONER

The Minister of National Development, Senator Spooner, stated that there had been no official comment on the objects. He also alluded to a "light-hearted exchange of views" which led him to believe the Minister of Defence did not regard them as "something upon which we should need to go to the lengths of re-modelling our defence system."

On October 20 replying in the House of Representatives to G.W.A. Duthie (Lab.Tasmania) the Minister for Air F.M.Osborne said only three or four per cent of reported flying saucer sightings were unexplained. Mr.Osborne said nearly all reports had a perfectly normal basis. High-flying aircraft, weather balloons and stars had caused some of the sightings.

While no one would question the correctness of the Minister's explanation, it still remains obscure - under what category does Rev. Browning's noiseless 300-ft. object come?

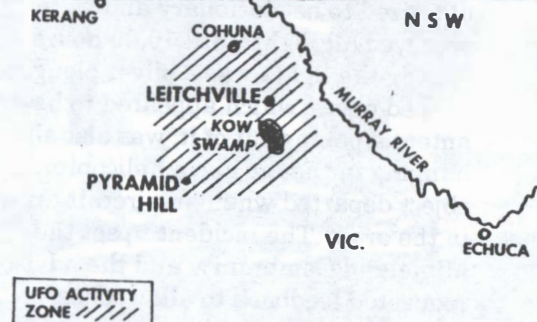
It is apparent that the Air Minister's statement was of a general character. Rev.Browning's case was evaded in the same manner as that of Rev.Gill in November, 1959.

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However, Mr.Osborne admitted on November 17 that he had instructed the resident Air Force officer in Tasmania, Wing Commander G. Weller to interview Mr. Browning. According to our information the R.A.A.F. listened to Rev.L.Browning very attentively and did not question the veracity of his story. In reply to Rev.Browning's query, Wing Commander Weller stated that the R.A.A.F. evaluation would not be available to him when completed.

The Opposition Whip, Mr.Duthie, has forwarded to our Melbourne Co-Editor a letter from the Minister for Air, refusing his application for the Department's UFO files. No reasons were given for the refusal.

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Shaded area shows scene of Victoria's "mini invasion" by UFOs.

One of the most spectacular incidents to occur in Australia, was the multi-witness observation - from 11.30p.m. 13th December 1977, to the wee hours of the 14th. - twelve observers climbed to top of a milking shed to watch the awesome operation of unknown objects. The general public first learned of the encounter from the Australian Post as compiled by Jan Werner-Hente in their February 9, 1978 edition.

Sightings of large cigar shaped objects continue even as this article is being prepared for our September 1992 edition. But before this current UFO activity, let us look at other reports from the past.

1st December 1984 at 9.10 am; This report is from the RAAF files in Canberra: A metallic silver grey cigar-shaped object that was stationary for about 7 minutes, then slowly descended for a few seconds, then shot off to the west at incredible speed. The object was about the same size of a 727 Aircraft, but had no wings or tail section. When it moved there was no sound and no vapour trail. The sighting was made by a witness located at Endeavour Esplanade at Scarborough, Queensland.

12 February, 1984, an Officer from RAAF, interviewed a man who made a report to the RAAF. The man said he saw a cigar-shaped object at Coogee Beach, NSW, at about 10.15 pm. Object was very large, moved around the head to middle of bay then back to head again.

Moving very fast and changing colours - red, white and orange. The witness then followed object in car to Maroubra. The lights went off, he then sighted it again at Malaba Point, then it moved inland.

17th December 1984 at 1500 (3 pm)  
From RAAF files - Canberra.

A pilot observed a missile shaped object with tapered body coming to sharp conical point at nose and cut off rear section with "fins". The pilot considered it to be not unlike a cruise missile which was sand colored. No sound or exhaust was emitted. It disappeared after about 2-3 seconds, into the sky rather over horizon.

Friday night 5th January 1990/Saturday morning 6th January. Lights were

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sighted by natives of Minjaland Community from Coburg Peninsula, South of Point David. Strange lights appeared to be stationary and were observed all night until 10,00 hours. Among the lights was a silver elongated shaped object which appeared to have an antenna poking out of it, was also sighted hanging in the air like a helicopter. The object departed when an aircraft arrived in the area. The incident upset the Minjaland Community and the advisor requested feedback to allay concern.

A Ranger at Black Point reported that he sighted a similar cigar shaped object on 24th December.

In past years, unexplained objects have hovered over atomic plants and storage areas as well as violated air space over Military Establishments. They have been chased by military aircraft with inferior capability.

13th-24th September, 1952, during NATO maneuvers, Operation Mainbrace, Unknown Objects were also performing in the skies. This was the largest operation up until that time. Eight NATO governments were involved, in the vicinity of Denmark and Norway. On September 20th, a photographer aboard the US Aircraft carrier, Franklin D. Roosevelt, took photographs of a silver spherical object. The photos were examined by Naval Intelligence Officers and reported to be excellent. It is a known fact that enemy nations shadow each others maneuvers. However, incidents occur where the mystery objects outfly aircraft from any nation.

In 1973 Unidentified Flying Objects violated air space over Pine Gap in the Northern Territory and there have been several appearances of UFOs over

defence bases, of the most notable being in Kirtland Air Force Base during 1980.

A report was referred to me from a RAAF source concerning an incident which occurred Saturday 14th January 1989 about 2.20 am within 25km of Canberra.

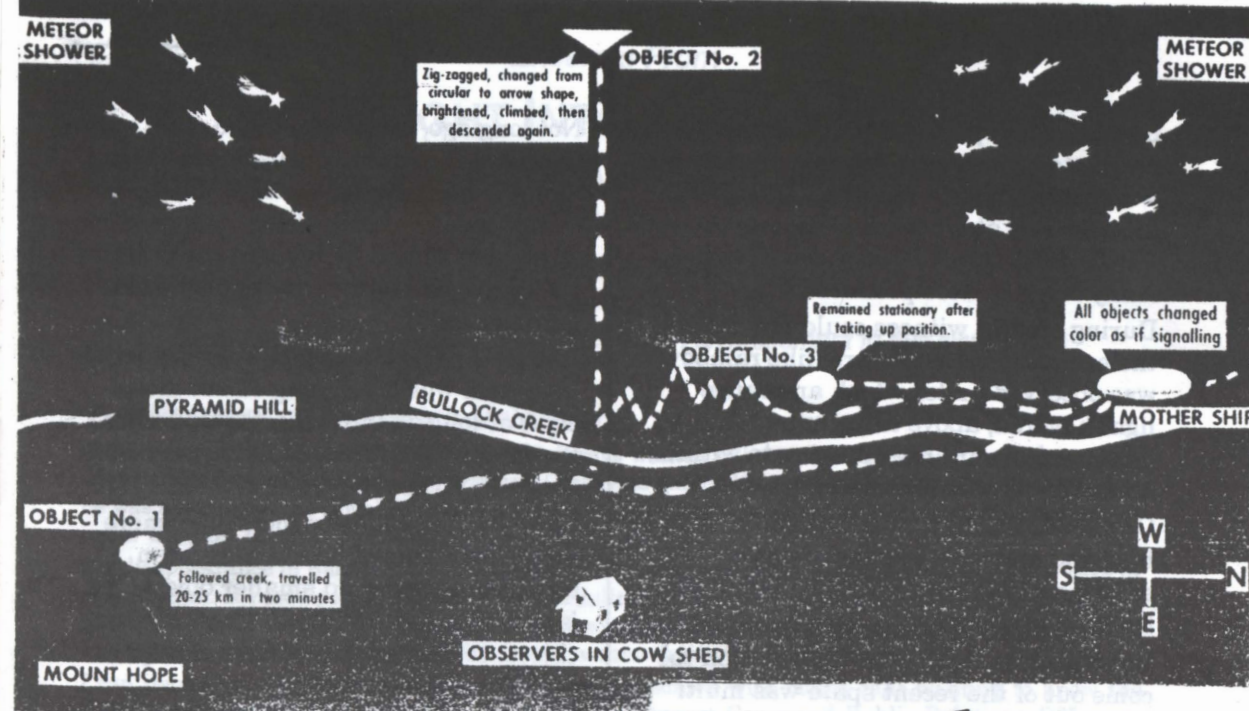
A lady reported a cigar-shaped object, flying slowly at a low level near Burra Creek. The object was described as being as large as a house. It had one large blue light at the front end with four evenly spaced white circular lights along the side. I interviewed the witness a few days later. She fled the scene after or three minutes of observation. There was no aircraft activity in the area at that time.

Last March, we received a letter dated 14th from a lady who stated that on 20th of October, while fishing with her husband and son, witnessed UFO'S flying around. This was the day before Frederick Valentich observed the cigar shaped object.

Beginning on the 3rd May this year, UFO reports from Northern Victoria were on the increase in sufficient numbers to motivate a visit to that area for private interviews with observers. The first interview was with two witnesses who reported two "L"-shaped light beams out over the Waranga Basin near Murchison. One person managed to photo the beams. An analysis will eventually be made.

A photograph of three orange lights in a triangle formation, but the photographs showed up in the photo as pin points.

Two other reports emerged of orange light beams, two of them a km in length. These reports came from separate sources.



★ POST artist Jerry Mielke drew this sketch of the Leitchville "invasion" from detailed eye-witness accounts. UFO researcher Paul Norman plans to send the sketch to the U.S. along with other evidence.

# \*The UFO show!\*

the first few who came forward were besieged with callers relating similar sightings.

Excited UFO researcher, Mr Paul Norman, of Melbourne, has been flat out talking to witnesses, getting signed testimonials, tapes, photographs, soil samples — then rushing all the evidence off to the U.S. to be examined by experts.

Sixty-one-year-old Mr Norman, a retired engineer from the U.S., says this part of Australia is the "hot" area for UFO reports.

The most graphic and best documented report on UFOs comes from the Victorian dairy

town of Leitchville, in the Murray Irrigation area, just inside the Victoria-NSW border.

In the "Leitchville incident", not one but FOUR UFOs were sighted by a group of at least 12 people.

On the night of December 13-14, the group watched spellbound as a mothership and three smaller objects gave a spectacular four-hour performance.

Just 10 days earlier, one of the witnesses, Mr Tom Church, had found a mysterious circular patch in a paddock — possibly a UFO landing nest.

The burnt ring was 38cm wide

and eight metres in diameter, and only about one kilometre from his farmhouse.

Then, about 11.30 p.m. on December 13, Tom Church and his wife were driving home after visiting friends, when they saw what looked like a mothership slowly descending.

It was orange-red, about the (apparent) size of the moon, but cigar-shaped.

From home, Mrs Church rang a friend nearby, who came running with a group of other people. They took up a vantage point near their cow shed — and watched in disbelief.

After the UFO stopped, three smaller objects detached themselves.

OBJECT No. 1 travelled south, followed Bullock Creek, then stopped halfway between Pyramid Hill and Mt. Hope. It travelled about 25 km in two minutes, the observers estimated.

OBJECT No. 2 flew south, then zig-zagged and appeared to be "hedge-hopping" at about ground

level. At one stage lights brightened, it shot into the air, then plummeted back again.

OBJECT No. 3 went south, then stopped halfway between the "parent" and object No. 2.

All three were launched within about five minutes.

When the four were positioned, they all started to change color rapidly — from orange to bright red, to bluish green, whitish blue — as if they were signalling to one another.

Then, to add to the spectacular space show, the watchers saw a "meteor shower" with about 12 to 15 fantastically bright meteors in an hour.

They resembled orange lights which burned up after three to five seconds. Some curved upwards before burning out.

Some lights reported were definitely associated with Army Maneuvers which were in progress at the time. However, interest was at a peak and reports of UFO's definitely NOT associated the Army activity were produced.

During March, witness could not recall the exact date, a white arc (like rainbow) was observed under which an orange light hovered, above the ground. The light sped toward the observer to within about "50 feet" before it sped away.

On Easter Sunday, near Devenish, a husband and wife watched a green erratic-moving light for 2 to 3 minutes before it sped away.

But the most significant information to come out of the recent spate was multi witness observation of a large cigar-shaped object which the Army did not realize was operating in the area. Follow-up interviews will continue as time and funds permit.

Not long ago, I viewed a video of an aluminium coloured cigar- shaped object flying faster than an aircraft. It had no visible means of propulsion - wings. The object was filmed in daylight. It is hoped the owner will agree to submit the video for analysis.

It is an unforgettable fact, that Frederick Valentich was describing one of these cigar or long shaped objects just before his disappearance while flying over Bass Strait at 7.12pm on October 21st, 1978.

Considering the many incidents where large cigar shaped UFO's have been seen taking on board smaller objects, it is within the capability of these mystery objects to take on board an ordinary aircraft.

# UFO BUZZES PILOTS

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## Airliner almost makes alien contact over Sussex skies

David Sharrock

**M**OVE over Steven Spielberg. Contact has been made above Sussex, according to the Civil Aviation Authority. The Britannia Airlines 737 was inbound to Gatwick from Cyprus when the First Officer spotted what could only be an unidentified flying object.

The CAA report into last summer's air misses - written in prose that can only be described as alien to the Hollywood tradition - takes up the dramatic story: "... saw a small black lozenge shaped object about 500m ahead of the aircraft and at the same level. "Within the space of about 1.5 seconds it passed very close, less than 100 yards away down

the port side and, at the most, 30 feet above the level of the wing." The crew reported the UFO to air traffic controllers, who reported seeing a small, primary radar contact behind the jet. "The pilot assessed the risk of collision as high," said the report. London tracked the UFO at it headed south-east at about 100 knots, and warned another aircraft to turn to avoid collision.

The CAA admits it is a mystery, although one member of its near-misses working group observed that sightings of balloons and other unidentified objects now seem more prevalent in the South and South-east. Believers in little green men will be relieved to hear that the group concluded it was "at a loss to identify the object".



Boeing 737 ... 400mph UFO missed a wing by 30ft

**TWO pilots have claimed their Boeing 737 was buzzed by a UFO as they prepared to land at Gatwick Airport.**

They said a "black lozenge-like object" missed a wing of the passenger jet by only 30 feet as it flew past at 400mph. The captain alerted air traffic controllers who then spotted a small dot on their radar screens. Officials tracked the mystery object as it headed south east over England. Other planes were warned to switch direction.

The Boeing pilots said they first saw the UFO 500 yards in front of them as they began their descent from 14,000 feet. They said it moved like a helicopter flying at low-level.

A report by the Civil Aviation Authority said later: "The pilots felt the risk of collision was high.

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"Within the space of 1.5 seconds it passed very close, less than 100 yards away, down the port side of the aircraft and only 30 feet above the wing."

No impact was felt and there was no damage to the aircraft in the incident last summer.

The report said no weather balloons were in the area at the time and an inquiry later failed to explain the mystery.

SUN, London, England - April 27, 1992 CR: G. Fawcett

Excerpts From

## FLIGHT INTO THE AGES

### INCREDIBLE TRUE STORIES OF AIRMEN ON THE EARTH PLANE AND BEYOND

by Ken Llewelyn

(Available directly from VUFORS. See Advertisement in this Issue)

### The Mystery of Frederick Valentich

**T**wenty-year-old Frederick Valentich had always wanted to be an Air Force pilot. To assist him in his ambition, he joined the Air Training Corps and gained his private pilot's licence. Sadly, before he was able to join the Royal Australian Air Force and fly sophisticated military jets, he disappeared under the most unusual circumstances in a Cessna 182.

His disappearance in Bass Strait, on 21 October 1978, was surrounded in mystery as no other case in recent years. It made people consider the possibility of interference by an unidentified flying object (UFO). Was a UFO responsible for his disappearance or did he simply become disoriented and crash? The question remains unanswered, but there are some fascinating facts to examine.

I can remember the incident well because I was inundated with media calls wanting to know the RAAF's reaction. At the time, I was the RAAF's Support Command Public Relations Officer in Melbourne, and I happened to be at RAAF Base Pearce, near Perth, Western Australia, the day after the disappearance. I was in the Instructor's Crew Room when the first of many calls from Australian and overseas media hit the switchboards. I had not yet been given a brief from the RAAF intelligence officers and could only judge what had happened by the graphic descriptions of journalists eager to pick up the inside story.

The case attracted enormous national interest, especially because not one piece of wreckage was sighted, in spite of an extensive search. There was even speculation about Valentich's real reason for flying to King Island. Did he make up the radio calls and secretly land his aircraft somewhere on the mainland? Rumours were rife and some of the less respectable press began to have a field day.

The media contacted UFO groups, who are widely perceived by many members of the public as cranks with a highly developed sense of imagination. In such a highly emotive case as the loss of a young man in mysterious circumstances, stating that a UFO could be involved made objective assessment extremely difficult.

I had previously come into contact with two members of the Victorian UFO Research Society, Paul Norman and Judith Magee, when they visited my office in Melbourne. Initially I saw them out of politeness, rather than from any real interest. However, I found they were not cranks and that they took their research very seriously. They acknowledged that many sightings could be explained by natural phenomena and that some could be dismissed as spurious. They were both given access to our 'UAS' reports (Unusual Aerial Sighting), some of which are listed below.

To confound the mystery a little further, two other aircraft had disappeared in Bass Strait in mysterious circumstances. On 24 December 1969, Peter Phillips, aged twenty-nine, disappeared without trace. He was flying a low-wing Fuji home for Christmas from King Island, Tasmania, to Moorabbin, Victoria. According to Department of Aviation officials, Phillips' last transmission stated that he was about eight kilometres from Cape Otway, Victoria, at an altitude of 1000 feet when his engine began to give trouble. The Fuji is believed to have crashed into the sea, but no trace of the pilot

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or the aircraft was ever found.

On 8 September 1972 a Tiger Moth biplane disappeared between Hobart and Flinders Island in Bass Strait. Although the Tiger Moth was a World War II RAAF trainer aircraft, it was considered very reliable with its massive inverted Gypsy Major engine.

But what happened to Frederick Valentich? An intensive air-and-sea search failed to find any sign of him or his aircraft. The chances of his aircraft disappearing without a trace were very remote. A former Director of Air Force Safety, Air Commodore Bruce Lane, said there was a strong possibility that some part of the wreckage resulting from a light-aircraft crashing into the sea would float. Seat cushions, life preservers and light plastic accessories will float for a considerable period of time after an accident. 'Even if the aircraft breaks up after hitting the water, partially empty fuel tanks can keep wings afloat.'

### Nullabor Plain

Dave said that the nearby town of Ipswich frequently had reports of high-speed lights from civilians. He mentioned that his fellow pilots were very reluctant to report UAS phenomena while in flight for fear of ridicule. During an exercise near the atomic test site at Maralinga, South Australia, Dave spoke to Aboriginal elders about their dreamtime and min min (spirit lights). He was intrigued by their description of the high-speed lights often seen north of Maralinga. However, the younger Aborigines scoffed a bit at their elders and said there was a simple reason for the min min lights - they were UFOs!

Much has been written about the rocket range and some of the strange occurrences there. Was the former Chief Defence Scientist referring to Group Captain Tom Dalton-Morgan's sighting at the Wommera rocket range, in the late 1950s, when he spoke to Shamus O'Farrell? I met Tom and his vivacious wife, Dee, in Sydney prior to leaving for the United Kingdom to take part in the 'Fiftieth' celebrations in September 1990. The RAAF flew fourteen Battle-of-Britain aircrew back to participate in the celebrations, and the subsequent three weeks with the veterans and their wives was an inspiring, happy and joyous occasion - a time to spin yarns and laugh about the outrageous, but also a time for sober reflection on the senseless waste always associated with war. It was often difficult to get the veterans to talk about the realities of combat, and it took time and the occasional beer for them to release what were often painful memories.

It must be remembered that in the late 1950s the West was paranoid and extremely sensitive about Russian activities and their advancement in missile and aircraft technology. Percy's concern was, therefore, understandable. The early warning gave Tom and his team sufficient time to move out onto the balcony from the elevated control room and view the unusual incoming light. His team, both curious and apprehensive, watched the object fly from the north-west then orbit around the range buildings about five miles to the south. When it was east of the control building, it appeared to accelerate and climb away to the north-east at a very steep angle. Only the unusually bright, white-greenish light was visible because of the dark night. No vehicle could be seen, although Tom mentioned that he had the impression the light emanated from 'a cupola-like cabin raised slightly above the invisible fuselage'. Tom estimated the speed at more than Mach 2, 'well beyond the capability of any current aircraft'.

Has young Frederick Valentich discover the truth through the friendly occupants of a UFO? This sounds too fantastic to be believed, but so did space travel until recently. Will we ever find out the truth about Frederick Valentich? Was he caught in a time warp and thrown into the future?

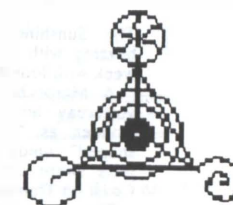
Does anyone have 1956 issues of Flying Saucer Record? If so, I will pay US\$35 for a photocopy of one particular article. Inquiries to:  
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## BOOK REVIEW

### CROP CIRCLES - CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE?

BY PAT DELGADO

Published by Bloomsbury - price \$14.99 plus postage.



The latest book on Crop Circle formations for readers interested in keeping up to date with world wide developments in this field.

Although Australia has experienced no pictograms as those in England, there are several similar characteristics associated with the formations, such as the basic circular swirl of the crops either in a clockwise or counter clockwise direction.

I do not know of any circle in Australia, where an object has been reported on the ground, that did not show a color change, i.e. green, yellow, orange or brown. On some occasions in England, lights and/or objects have been seen hovering or flying over the circles, but seldom if ever, seen on the ground.

In some locations, animal reactions have been noted, as at Lapworth, West Midlands, where twenty five sheep were found wandering around, nervous and frightened, in a different field. One hundred baby pheasants were also missing and their pens had been flung open by some force. The leaves on a nearby oak tree, facing the circle had turned yellow-green, the same color as the vegetation on the rim of a circle in Victoria.

From time to time suggestions have been made that mathematical patterns and geometric formations will be the first indication of intelligent communication from other world beings.

During August 1991, Pilot Cherry Downes flew over a wheat field in Cambridgeshire, where he saw a startling form known as the **MANDELBROT SET**, created in that field.

The crop formation described as a mathematical pattern caused excitement among scientists, mathematicians and computer programmers, who recognized the pattern could be expressed in terms of the *Chaos Theory*, *fractals*, computer technology and infinity.

The "**MANDELBROT**" pattern was only discovered by Mandelbrot while employed by IBM, a few years ago, during the course of research into Chaos Theory.

The formation is not the work of some delirious drug crazed artist, but the result of a single mathematical procedure which can be implemented on a home computer.

This is either earth-bound intelligence operating without detection, or non-human intelligence which is deliberately trying to open a channel of communication.

And by the time this goes to press, (September 1992 edition), the answer could be known.

# 'Three silent cigar-shaped' objects sweep over Coast

The Sunshine Coast has been buzzing with UFO sightings this week with four since last Friday.

A Maroochydhore woman told yesterday how she watched in wonder as "three silent cigar-shaped" unidentified flying objects swept across the Sunshine Coast on Thursday night.

The woman, who asked not to be named, said it was the first time she had ever seen a UFO.

Her sighting comes after a Caloundra family watched a silver-white light for 15 minutes last Friday as it flew around near the Caloundra airport.

Sunshine Coast co-ordinator for UFO Research Queensland Jeffrey Spiro said it had been a big week for UFOs on the coast.

He said that on Saturday and Sunday a Marcus Beach woman saw a comet-like object with a long white tail in the western sky.

Then on Monday Mr Spiro said there had been a "very exciting" sighting of a UFO at Pomona.

He said a huge white star-like object settled above a house in Pomona and two women watched it for some time before it disappeared. "It had high and low beams coming out of it as it rotated. The horses and dogs were very upset, the children went hyperactive and the TV picture rolled, which are all quite normal UFO reactions," Mr Spiro said.

Also on Monday a fisherman at Buddina Beach watched a very bright orange-red UFO off the

coast.

The Maroochydhore woman said yesterday that she had no explanation for the UFOs she saw, other than the fact that they were alien spacecraft.

"They were heading towards Nambour, heading inland. At first I thought they were planes, but they were silent and very quick."

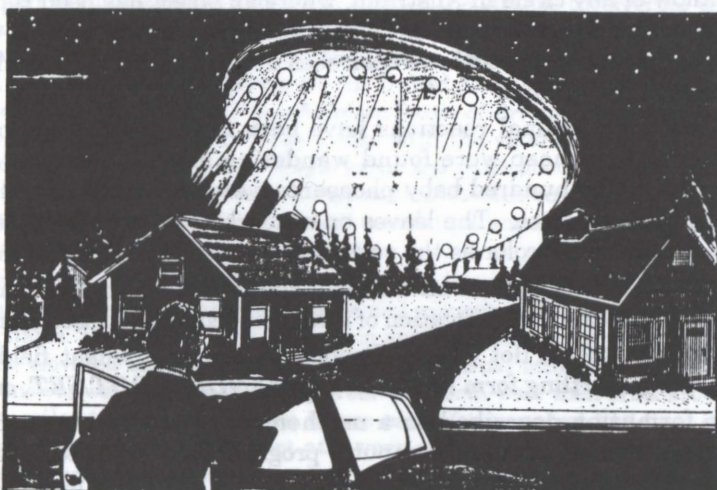
Mr Spiro said the cigar-shaped craft were "motherships" and carried the smaller disc-type UFOs.

"There must be a base somewhere around here. Those cigar-shaped ones are really something," he said.

He said there were recorded sightings of similar UFOs on the Sunshine Coast in 1966, 1983 and last year.

Maryborough (Qld) 'CHRONICLE' 29/6/91

ET, Is That You?



Bob Dix/Union Leader

**CONCORD'S UFO** — This artist's recreation of what motorist Roger Cross, left, said he saw along Route 3A/South Main Street in Concord Tuesday night shows a huge triangular object with pulsating bluish-white lights disappearing over the tree line near Broadway. Other reports, starting about 6 p.m., came from people in Claremont, Newport, Bradford, Salisbury, Penacook and Concord and were of a similar object at a higher altitude, according to Cheryl A. Powell, an investigator for Mutual UFO Network. Cross, of Concord, spent about two hours yesterday with Union Leader artist Bob Dix describing what he saw about 7:50 p.m. This view looks west-northwest from where Cross pulled his car over on South Main Street near the Interstate 93 overpass. He described the object as flying just above the treetops, "awesome in size," and making a sound "like increasing rain on a summer night on a canvas tent." There was no turbine or jet whine, he said. Cross concedes there wasn't a lot of time to take in more detail of the object in the dark, but it was like nothing he has ever seen before.



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### INTERNATIONAL UFO NEWS

#### ARGENTINA

#### HIGH STRANGENESS AND NUMEROUS SIGHTINGS IN THE "ARGENTINE TRIANGLE"

Since mid-July, numerous UFO sightings and related phenomena have been observed in and around the city of Victoria, in the Argentine province of Entre Rios. Lights crossing the sky, actual craft and even extraterrestrials have been seen and extensively photographed at Victoria during August. A television crew has reportedly filmed the landing of a craft.

UFO researchers are arriving in Victoria from all over the world. Even NASA has sent technicians loaded down with equipment. In mid-August extraterrestrials were reportedly observed debarking from a landed UFO. An intense light was emanating from the craft, impeding observations of eyewitness, who described the beings as very tall.

In early September witnesses reported seeing ten small lights emerge from a larger light which had landed. They then dispersed, flying away at close to ground level. Shortly thereafter the smaller lights re-entered the larger one, which then rose up in the sky and sped away.

Local television reporter Ramon Pereyra commented in a televised report: "up until now, many people refused to believe the [sightings] reports, but by now, 90% of Victoria's residents have seen, at least once, these strange lights." According to

Edgardo Fontanet, spokesperson for an Argentine UFO research group, there is "no doubt that extraterrestrials have chosen this moment to increase their earthly visitations in a triangular area, with two of the points being located in Argentina—one at Victoria—and the other in Uruguay."

Further reports claim that a number of inhabitants from remote villages in the sightings region have inexplicably disappeared after they had gone in search of the mysterious lights.  
(AMERICA OGGI)

#### SOVIET UNION

#### 'OBJECT' SEEN FLOATING AROUND MIR

According to the publication NATIONAL AFFAIRS, Moscow Central Television First Program Network's Vremya newscast reported on 21 May that the Soviet-British crew on-board the Mir space station filmed a strange object which was observed during the evening of 20 May. The telecast included the video, which showed a phosphorescent object of considerable size hovering around Mir. Cosmonaut Musa Manarov, who was shooting the film, stated the he felt that the object was a reflection coming from the Soyuz cargo craft docked at the Mir station. Nonetheless, Vremya's correspondent P. Orlov expressed the government's concern over the appearance of the object and its proximity to the Mir station. Said Orlov in his telecast: "The fact is quite interesting indeed, and perhaps, fairly alarming."

# UFO RESEARCH IN IRAN

by Darush Bagheri

## UFO RESEARCH IN IRAN - CONTINUED

TEHRAN, 18 September, 1976.  
27th SHAHRIVAR 1355, 11.00 pm.

Some citizens contacted Tehran Mehrabad Airport tower control informing them about an unidentified, bright object above SIED KHANDAN & SHARIEATI STREET. Tower control, after contacting an F4 fighter plane, which was patrolling in the Tehran sky, made sure that the unidentified object was in the air and then ordered the fighter plane pilot to follow it.

The report which came back said that the unidentified object was changing its position rapidly at high speed and changing colour as it changed in shape and profile.

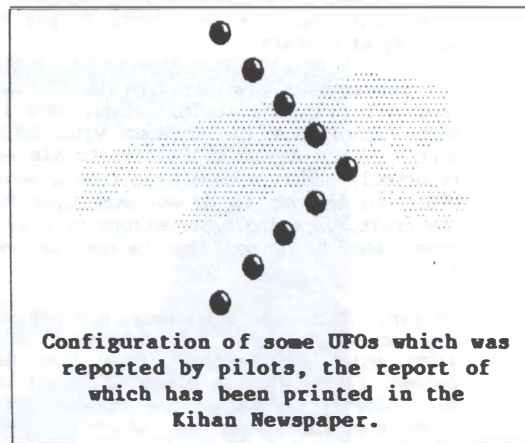
At 1.00 am, the unidentified object had gone to the south of Tehran and by 2.30 - 4.00 am had landed in the Tehran southern desert of Shahr Ray. The fighter pilot reported that the gunnery system of the aircraft was not working and some disturbance [sic] had been seen in the system.

This was the first and only UFO report which was investigated and compiled in the year 1355 [1976] in Iran. Before and after the above date there were many reports of people seeing UFOs, including some close approaches by some.

At Esfand in Feb. 1356 [1977], there was another UFO which went from the south to the north of Tehran. This object was detected by a commercial pilot on route from Tehran to Shiraz. On the 24th Tir, 1357 [15 June, 1978] the same [pilot] reported to NIRTV and Mehrabad Airport ATC of another unidentified object seen in the Tehran sky changing in colour from pink, blue, yellow to white and moving from one spot to another. Another report in a Kihan newspaper on 26th Ordibehesht, 1356 [16 May, 1986] a bright object was seen above the western part of the mountains

north of Tehran and to which occurrence I personally witnessed.

3 000 metres from my house in Shahr Ziba a large, bright object had appeared for about 10 minutes and, after loosing its brightness, disappeared, only to reappear some minutes later at an elevation of 20° in the north-west. Bright, enormous and changing colour from red, yellow to red and white whilst in motion. after a further 15 minutes it disappeared but perhaps this disappearance was due to the war situation between Iran and Iraq; the airforce, thinking this was an enemy plane, was ordered to fire upon the object.

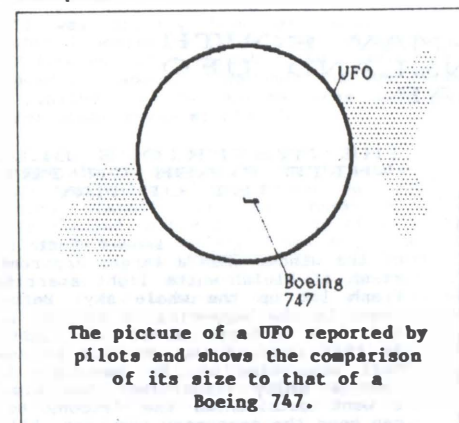


### Revolutionary Disruption

Before the Islamic Revolution, the UFO phenomenon had been reported in the newspapers and other media sources but it was not commonplace for research and investigation to take place on behalf of the media into this subject. However, a TV programme called 'Danesh', under the direction of Mr. Mirfaghartti, two commercial pilots were invited to talk about the UFO phenomenon. They said that UFOs are a fact and went on to discuss sightings. Also, Djavanan Magazine ran a

series of documented reports and stories about UFOs and stated that most of those reports were translations from foreign newspapers and magazines and were baseless, imaginary and untruthful stories.

During those years there were no committees or organisations to investigate the UFO phenomenon as novel technology and, at times, due to the customary hostility, the people thought the subject of UFOs as an international joke coming from the European mind.



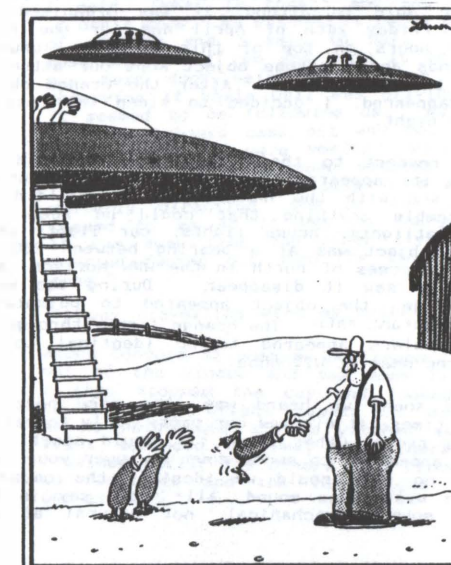
After the Islamic Revolution the subject of UFOs was forgotten and has not been mentioned in the newspapers or other media sources. The Iranian Government, in a TV broadcast on Channel 1, Monday 14th of Azar, 1367, [5th Dec. 1988] at 9.45 pm stated that any research on this subject is a waste of time as UFO stories are untrue and went on to say that the Danesh Group on Channel 1, Iranian TV which produced the programme and who call for research into the subject of UFOs, are making propaganda on behalf of the USA and USSR. It is a matter of interest that Mr. Mirfaghartti, who was the compere and producer of the programme, was the same person who, before the revolution, enthusiastically encouraged research into the subject and was the only person presented the NASA Memo to the two commercial pilots mentioned above, but today is refusing to have anything to do with the subject; why is he doing this?

### Conclusion

The fact of the matter concerning what the Iranians think of UFOs is related to the social and educational thinking status of the 'system'. Iranians are a people who possess a religious posture the effect of which, especially after the Islamic Revolution, has become enlarged and complicated. Moreover, due to the Iranian Government's attitude towards the subject of UFOs, the emphasis has been on the religious bias and propaganda. Thus, the reason why the Iranian people are so negative towards the subject is not too difficult to understand, having as they do no information as to the real situation of the matter.

In any way, the fact is that UFOs are an educational and technical phenomenon and is not the sole property of any special person or group. Consequently, you must agree that my colleagues and I have many problems concerning the research and investigations into the matter.

There may come a day when people will believe me when they see a UFO landing on their roof which will remove them from the sceptical frame of mind to that which I call the bravery of acceptance of actuality.



Inadvertently, Roy dooms the entire earth to annihilation when, in an attempt to be friendly, he seizes their leader by the head and shakes vigorously.



## Reports Digest

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### SPECIAL EDITION

#### THE APRIL-MAY SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND UFO FLAP

##### THE STRANGE EVENTS SURROUNDING MOUNT WALKER

Mount Walker is 468 metres high and is a very difficult mountain to climb. I don't recommend it to everyone, but once you are up at the summit, you get a very impressive 340 degree view. The morning after, we could even see the Highrises of Brisbane, a good 61 kilometres away.

Peter Pasini (Co-ordinator of the Ipswich Branch) organised this nightwatch at short notice and only three people (including myself) were able to attend. It was organised for the Friday 24th of April and for the first few hours on top of this mountain, unusual sounds and an orange object kept our attention to the absolute max. After the orange object disappeared, I decided to sleep the rest of the night.

In respect to the orange light, I did not see its appearance, but it was bright enough to see with the naked eye, and it did not resemble anything that could be seen (eg. streetlights, house lights, car lights etc). The object was at a bearing between 280 and 300 degrees of north in the WNW horizon. None of us saw it disappear. During the whole episode, the object appeared to pulsate at a constant rate. The orange light, through the binoculars appeared to be identical to the three seen at Wivonhon.

The sound we heard was even more puzzling. At times, it circled our party, only to retrace its steps. Other times, it would startle you by appearing to swoop down low over your head. At no time could we identify the cause of the mysterious sound. All I can say is that it sounded mechanical, not natural at all.

##### THE MYSTERIOUS BLUISH- WHITE FLASH ON FRIDAY 1ST OF MAY

I was just staring out of the window when a large, apparently violent flash of bluish-white light startled me. This flash lit up the whole sky. Before I could react to the happening, a second, less violent and less intense flash of light occurred. By this time, I was curious to see what the hell was going on. My immediate thought was that a SEQEB Transformer had blown up, and I went outside on the balcony to see if I can hear the emergency services. All was quiet. The first big flash happened at exactly midnight, followed closely (within two to three seconds) by the second. The sound coming out of my speakers crackled with the first flash, but not the second, indicating some form of electromagnetic effect.

##### Other reports emerged.

Greg, of Loganholme, was attending an Astrocamp with the Southern Astronomical Society at Mt Barney, near Cunningham's Gap, when he witnessed a flash of light. A number of his colleagues also witnessed the event. He said

"I was attending a Astrocamp with the SAS at Mount Barney when I noticed a bright flash of light which was blue-white in colour. It was as if a flash-light went off in quick succession. There were two flashes and it lit the whole northern horizon towards Brisbane. Other members of the SAS observed this object."

William also saw this flash of light while driving to work along Daisy Hill Road towards the Pacific Hwy.

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"Whilst driving down Daisy Hill Rd, I saw a bright blue-green flash of light overhead slightly in front of me, and another flash not quite so bright about five to six seconds afterwards. Lost radio transmission for about one minute and lost the 4BH news at midnight. I searched for another station which I found. Went back to 4BH and found there was music playing and no news... When I came home, my wife reported the electric alarm clock flashing at just after midnight."

Adrian of Windaroo, had just dropped off his girlfriend and was driving back home along the Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road at Midnight. He said:

"I was driving home at about 12.00pm when I noticed a large flash to my right. Following this flash, the radio went dead for about 10 seconds and the street lighting in the entire area went out for about seven minutes."

His immediate thoughts were that he was witness ing the beginning of a nuclear war and was bracing himself for the shockwave. This quickly changed to the possibility of a lightning flash but when no sound was heard he dismissed it. His mother was in the bathroom at midnight and the flash illuminated the interior of the bathroom and the sky outside.

One odd fact to this aspect of the story, is even though the street lights were out, the lights inside the house were unaffected. It is evident that Adrian was closer to the source of the flash than the others, and that the electromagnetic emissions from this, had a greater effect on the street lights and radio waves than at Springwood.

Further inquiries by Martin Gottschall with SEQEB about the power loss was met with only denials. 'There was no power loss on either Friday midnight or Saturday midnight.'

As I was going to find out, the next two days were to be busy ones.

On Sunday morning, I received a phone call from Philippe Morlet telling me of UFO sightings that had occurred on Saturday evening, the 2nd of May. He heard it on ABC Radio. I called the Chief of Staff and was told that hundreds of reports have flowed in about a green object which lit up large areas on the ground. The green light was seen as far south as Northern NSW, as far west as Toowoomba and Dalby, and as far north as Maryborough. I was also told of orange lights which were seen over the Loganholme-Beenleigh area. A few names were mentioned but I was unable to obtain any phone numbers or addresses. That Sunday and the following Monday, we interviewed 13 people. It was also discovered that we were dealing with four separate events that long weekend. Later, that would increase slightly.

## SATURDAY 2ND OF MAY

### ORANGE LIGHTS: FIRST APPEARANCE OVER LOGANHOLME

At 6.15 pm a man was taking his children from Loganholme to the Logan Hyperdome when the daughter saw an orange light in the sky to the North. When they stopped at the Hyperdome, they saw two orange yellow lights towards the North at an elevation of 45°, which were clearly not stars. They were initially at about 50° horizontal separation and at rest, when they began to move together, stopping at a separation of about 15° after about 15 seconds. They then moved off together in an Easterly direction. Their apparent size was estimated to be about .003 radian and the duration of the entire sighting was about 5 minutes.

### ORANGE LIGHTS: THE SECOND APPEARANCE OVER LOGANHOLME

Len of Loganholme reported:

"I was fishing at the Logan River when I saw four objects in the north-west. They were moving to the south-west."

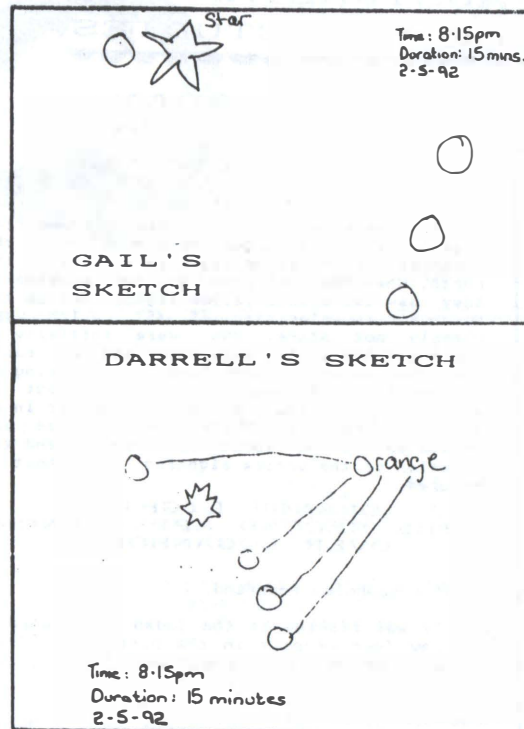
Darrell, 26, and his girlfriend Gail, 29, made the following statements:

"My girlfriend and I were travelling east on Concorde Ave, Loganholme, when I noticed four bright orange lights. I told my girlfriend to stop the car. I said, 'What is that?' and she said, 'I don't know.' We watched it for a couple of minutes and I said to Gail, 'Drive home and I will go and show it to Jim', our next door neighbour. I was still observing it while Gail was driving and it seemed to be following us. My next door neighbour came out and could not believe what they were seeing. We watched it for about fifteen minutes until it faded out, moving slowly in a south-westerly direction. One of the lights seemed to me as it was in charge, as it was away from the other lights. It started fading out once the others were gone."

"I was travelling with my boyfriend east

along Concord St when my boyfriend looked out of the window and saw some lights. I then stopped the car and looked out to see four bright lights. I arrived at my neighbours and we watched as one light ascended up past the others and remained still. The others then proceeded to fade out and the last light faded out as well."

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Grant and his wife also witnessed the orange lights that were seen all over Loganholme on Saturday night between 8.00 and 8.30pm.

"I went outside with my wife and family dog into the front yard to give our dog a nature call...my wife said 'Look at that!' I looked to the SSW at about 35 degrees and saw four orange-red coloured balls in a formation as shown in my diagram. They were bright but were varied in brightness. I ran next door to get our neighbour to look also whilst my wife continued to watch. I came back within 20 to 30 seconds to find the position of the lights had changed a little as shown in my sketch. We watched together for a total of eight minutes until the four objects or lights vanished. They appeared to get smaller and in the last seconds of viewing they also climbed from 35 to 60 degrees before disappearing. Not a sound other than normal background sound was heard by me."

Kerry added:

"...When the light on the right moved over towards the other group where they all seemed to go in the vertical line. They then moved back to the original shape. Then the light on the right faded, the other two lights on the bottom started to flicker and eventually faded out. Leaving one light, which appeared to rise in the sky and pull away in the distance and eventually disappeared at approximately 8.20pm."

## REPORTS OF A GREEN OBJECT OVER THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF QUEENSLAND

As mentioned, quite a few people witnessed a green flash on Saturday night and some saw both the green flash and a green object flying in the sky. Greg Thompson, owner of the Springwood observatory, states that people who saw the green light(s) observed the result of a meteor shower which entered the earth's atmosphere. POPPY COK! Gregg is the chap, who (a few years back) said that Father Gill was viewing Venus and that the thirty or so witnesses only wrote down their reports to please him. How narrow minded can you get! So far, of the reports received, none of them fit the description of a meteor shower, space junk or lights being flashed up through telescopes (SEE THE NEWSPAPER REPORT 'UFOs BUZZ LOGAN').

Andrew, a 13 year old kid, and his friend, Warren, a 12 year old, saw both the green flash and the object. Eamon, the third school kid, was in the tent at the time of the incident. He was awoken by the bright green light which penetrated the tent, bathing everything inside it green.

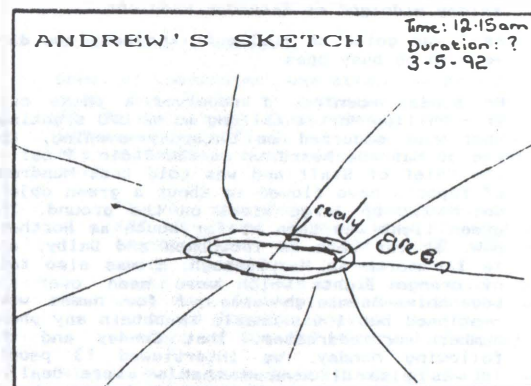
Andrew reported:

"It was about 12.15 when we saw a green light. It was like a football....it was the strongest light all around the mountain it was green. Everything was green."

Warren reported:

"The approximate time was 12.15am and my friend and I were lying next to the campfire. I was looking at the sky for shooting stars when a UFO flew over our heads from the west and stayed still for at least 30 to 40 seconds. Then it flew off up into the clouds."

Now, does that object move and behave like a meteorite? A horse, nearby, seemed to be disturbed by the object's presence.



# Ufology in Eire

A Status Report by  
**Pat Delaney and Anne Griffin**

In this first article, we will underline the current state of ufology in Ireland and explain why we set up the first BUFORA Branch outside of the UK mainland.

In July of 1989, Pat and I became members of BUFORA. This came about one day as we were having a discussion on UFOs and the possibility of life on other planets. For the past fifteen or more years we have both shared one common interest; i.e. UFOs. We wanted to increase our knowledge on this fascinating subject and suddenly we got the urge to probe deeper. Somewhere out in the vast regions of space was a place, an organisation, waiting for us to discover them.

This was no easy task as we both knew that Ireland had no officially recognized UFO organisation to look after our needs. At this time, I was engrossed in a book called, 'UFOs - THE FIRST FORTY YEARS', which was written by the world-renowned, and very distinguished ufologist, Jenny Randles. Jenny was later to have a great effect on our becoming UFO investigators. At the back of this book was BUFORA's address, and we both knew at once that this was for us, so we wrote off for application forms and joined immediately.

## First Case

For a couple of months there was nothing doing. We were still receiving our UFO TIMES regularly, but that was all, until one day, the Director of Investigations beckoned us by letter. In this letter, Jenny asked us if we would be interested in becoming provisional BUFORA Accredited Investigators for Ireland. She presented us with our first case of a UFO sighting which took place in Dublin a year before we joined. As this was our first-ever case, we are

glad to say that it was investigated thoroughly and satisfactorily: we had passed the test and made it to full Accredited Investigator status, proudly awaiting the arrival of our A.I. cards from Jenny.

Over the past two years, we have investigated three cases of UFO sightings for BUFORA in Ireland. The types of individual who make reports come from all walks of life. For us, the most interesting and most fascinating one we worked follows after this article.

At the time of the sighting - November 1990 - we were, for various reasons, unable to interview in person, the girls in question, so we sent them an R1 form along with our own set of questions, but to which we did not receive a reply until January 1991. This is what we call an "open" case. We thrive on cases like these because there is "a lot left to be told".

In this case, as in many others, we found the witnesses to be sincere and honest. Generally speaking, the people who contact us have indicated that they are afraid to talk about their sightings to unsympathetic persons, because in the past, when they approached someone whom they thought would be sympathetic to their story, it turned out they were ridiculed and laughed at. One couple actually told us that they were happy to know that we were part of a responsible UFO group and they felt very much at ease talking to us. They heard about us on another radio show and consequently phoned Pat afterwards and told him they were anxious to talk to us.

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of course, scepticism abounds in Ireland, as it does elsewhere when it comes to UFOs. The very mention of the word UFO and the sceptics are branding the witnesses as 'crazy', 'imbeciles' or 'fools', etc., and intimidate them into believing that is what they are (note 1). It is no wonder that witnesses are scared and frightened to report UFO sightings and it is up to investigators to have a responsible attitude to witnesses regardless of whether or not they're telling the truth. Even if the witnesses are lying about a sighting - and most A.Is. would be able to tell if they were - we have no right to brand them as crazy. Every art must have its critics, but these critics/sceptics do ufology more harm than good: some of the criticism can be very damaging to BUFORA, to the witnesses, to investigators and to the subject of ufology.

### Getting Started

Once we had become A.Is. for Ireland, we began to wonder how we could let people know we exist and how to put ourselves on the UFO research map.

We thought that the best way to get started was to form a branch of BUFORA here in Ireland and call it BUFORA IRELAND. For the time being, it would consist of two branch officers, Pat and myself and build from that.

We decided to affiliate ourselves to BUFORA as we are in constant contact with them and also because of the encouragement and help we have received from them, especially Jenny when we were starting up.

After this, we thought the best way to publicise ourselves was to advertise, but in this day and age nothing comes free, especially in advertising; or so we thought. It so happened that the Cable TV Company which supplied cable TV to Dublin and the surrounding areas had a service called 'Cablelink Community Noticeboard', which puts out free advertisements for customers wishing to advertise a service in their area. So I put my thinking cap on, and with a little help from Pat, wrote an ad. to announce ourselves on cable TV. About a week later, our ad. appeared on the small screen, and, at long last, we were

At the height of our fame, we decided to hire a post office box number for a year - which we have now had since March '91 - in order to deal with resulting queries, and from the number of letters we received through it, a lot of people have some sort of interest in UFOs. Most of the letters which we receive are mainly queries about UFOs, although we are also asked about crop-circles and the Bermuda Triangle since these are also popular topics. Some of the letters have actually been reports of UFO sightings from Dublin and a few other places in the country.

The reports of the sightings which we received have been investigated fully by us and the case files are now catalogued in BUFORA's computer database, where they will remain until time immemorial.

People who have written to us have said that they saw our ad. on TV, so this goes to prove that there is a long-awaited need for a UFO information network in Ireland; people like to be kept informed of what's happening in UFO circles in Ireland and around the world.

In April this year, a wonderful opportunity came about for us to really advertise BUFORA IRELAND: we were approached by the National Radio Service, Radio 2 FM, to do a three minute slot on one of their nighttime discussion shows and talk about UFOs and people's reaction to them, especially in Ireland. The DJ, whose show we appeared on, was so impressed with us that he gave us a 20 minute slot instead of the original 3 minutes. After we had left the radio studios, we both felt very happy with the way the interview went. We had achieved in making BUFORA IRELAND known throughout the length and breadth of Ireland and we were proud of ourselves, BUFORA and all those associated with it. It was an experience that neither of us will ever forget and will certainly remember if ever we are abducted by aliens!

### Irish Attitudes

So what is the general attitude to ufology in Ireland at the present time? Well, in the three years we have been

# UFOs over Dublin



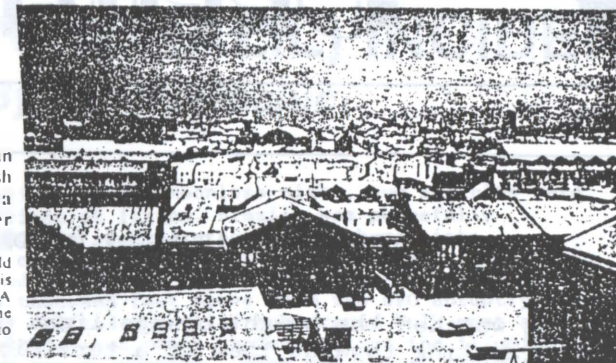
\* A FORMER Argentinian athletics champion of Polish extraction living in Cabra has photographed UFO's over Pearse Street!

Jorge Alberto Zulkowski, who could run 11 seconds dead for 100 metres in his younger days, went to the top of the IDA building in Dublin to get a picture of the snow-covered rooftops to send home to his family in the town of La Plata.

That was in February, 1987, and Jorge has frustratingly shown his snap to a string of disbelievers since. A UFO enthusiast since the age of 8, he says that the symmetrically perfect formation in the sky is a typical UFO pattern.

Jorge, who represented his country in the 100m. and 200m. and 4x400m. relay in the Pan-American Games, was at a conference concerning Unidentified Flying Objects in Majorca in 1980 when he encountered his Dublin wife and moved here.

A former employee of the Department of Security in the Argentine Government, Jorge has a bulging file which details UFO sightings around the world - and in his native land where they are more commonplace.



UFOs over the Dublin skyline: spot the dots.

Jorge believes that there is a spiritual significance to such visitations. "Many people have had similar experiences to my own but are shy about coming forward. I would be delighted to hear from Irish people interested in UFO's" says the Dublin restaurant manager.

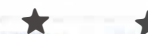


the name and address of the man in the article as we were very anxious to talk to him. This was now October, and five months on, we have received no communication from the newspaper concerned. A photographer friend of ours, who happened to work for the same newspaper, was sympathetic to us when he heard our story. His reply to us was: "In all honesty, they won't give you any information because they're too busy printing rubbish".

We are inclined to agree with him. This is a 'dead' case simply because we have been prevented from interviewing this man and because of a total lack of courtesy and a lack of cooperation by the media. One wonders why they printed the story in the first place if they weren't prepared to give the information to those who wish to take a deeper look at the case, i.e. BUFORA IRELAND.

As you can see, our faith in the media is practically zilch and we try to avoid them in our investigations wherever possible.

Finally, just to let all you ufologists out there know that we will try anything once: we have just completed our first ever paranormal experience case, of which we will let you know the outcome in a future report.



members of BUFORA, the subject was not, we regret to say, taken very seriously by the government, and certainly not, in our own personal view, by the media.

In the past, there have been stories in the local newspapers pertaining to UFO sightings in Ireland. Only recently, in June of this year, one such story appeared under the heading of, 'UFOs Over Dublin'. Briefly, it was about a Polish immigrant - who currently runs a restaurant in Dublin - who claims to have seen UFOs over Dublin from a rooftop in 1986. A copy of this newspaper story is in our files, but naturally we decided that we would follow up this case. At the close of the article, the man was shown to possess newspaper cuttings of UFO sightings from all over the world and he said he would be willing to talk to anyone in Ireland who was interested in the topic.

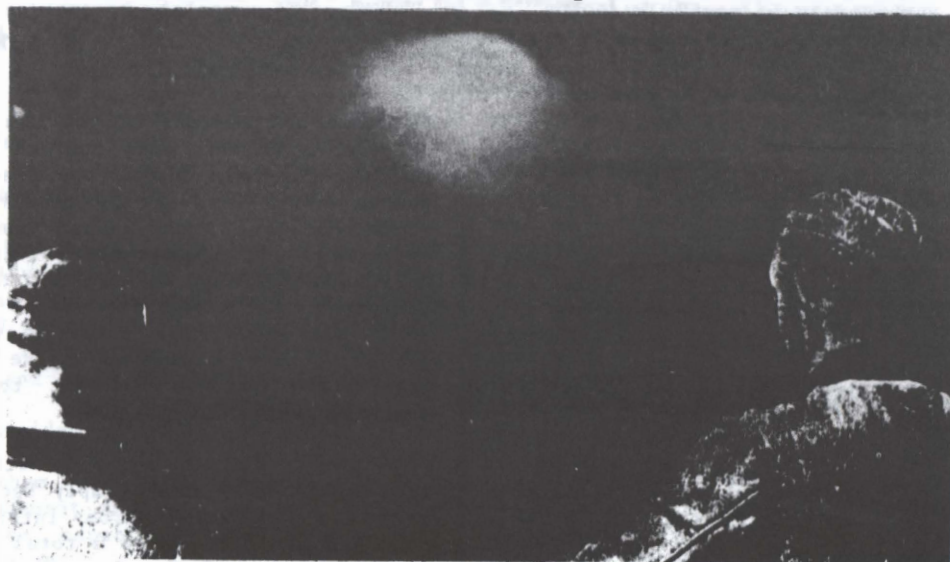
On the Saturday when the story appeared, I quickly typed a letter off to the newspaper in question explaining who we were and would they forward us



## FORT ITAIPU (BRAZIL) INCIDENT

By: Jim Melesciuc

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Traditionally, South America accounts for more UFO reports than any other geographical area. The majority of Latin America sightings occur in Brazil, followed by Argentina, Chile, Peru, Venezuela, and Uruguay. A considerable amount of these sightings are CE-3 types. Although most South American reports are similar to those originating in other parts of the world, it is usually the spectacular or unusual reports that find their way into the American and European UFO lore. One such case, and very little has been written about it, is the Fort Itaipu (Brazil) UFO event.

## FORT ITAIPU (BRAZIL) INCIDENT

By Jim Melesciuc

### The Account:

On 3 Nov. 1957, during a quiet moonless night, two sentries were on duty as the army garrison at Itaipu, Brazil, was peacefully asleep. One of them suddenly spotted a new "star" burst into brilliant life over the ocean. The sentries watched the bright orange light until they realized it was an object traveling towards them at a terrific speed. About a thousand feet above them the UFO abruptly reduced speed and slowly drifted down, its huge round bulk cast an eerie orange glow and etched each man's shadow against the illuminated ground between the heavy cannon turrets. Both men stood, their eyes wide with surprise, seemed glued to the ground, with guns hanging limply in their hands. A scant three hundred feet above their heads the weird object was larger in diameter than the wingspread of a DC-3, but round and disc shaped, and encircled by an eerie orange glow.

It had been silent on its approach, but then a steady hum, like that of generator was heard and a scorching heat enveloped the two sentries. One of them collapsed and the other, screaming from pain and fear, threw himself under a cannon for shelter. Both later told authorities that they had felt as though their clothing were on fire and the heat was suffocating. The soldier who found shelter lapsed into hysteria, screaming a warning to others in the fort. Inside the installation everything was confusion, men and officers trying to reach their battle stations.

Suddenly the lights throughout the fort went out. Then the emergency power generator was located and turned on, but it immediately failed. Confusion changed to widespread panic as men tried to reach the outside to investigate the screams emanating from there. Then the lights came back on and several of the men reached the outside and found the sentries. They also saw an orange light climbing vertically and soar out back toward the Atlantic Ocean.

Both sentries, suffering from second and third degree burns over a large portion of their bodies, were put under medical care at a hospital in Rio de Janeiro. On the next day, the fort commander, an army colonel, issued orders forbidding discussion of the incident. Intelligence officers came and took charge, working frantically to silence everyone.

Three weeks after the incident Dr. Fontes, M.D., and Brazilian representative of APFO, was contacted by an army officer who was at the fort on the night of the incident. The officer reported the incident to Fontes. However, Dr. Fontes' attempts to get at the two sentries, still at Central Hospital two months later, were futile.

Dr. Fontes set out to establish a few facts which were reported in a short paper titled - UFO Weapons/Comments On Technical Aspects Involved. In part he states, "The evidence at hand indicates that UFOs possess means of creating in the ignition systems of automobile and aircraft internal combustion engines secondary currents powerful enough to destroy the synchronization of spark-plug action and thus stall engines; that they can interfere at will with radio transmitters and receivers, electric current generators, telephone lines and all electrical circuits.... In other cases witnesses reported that they were 'electrified,' 'paralyzed by an electric current', or felt a sensation of heat...."

# SIGHTINGS IN 1991

As mentioned earlier sighting activity is currently at a low ebb with only 4 unidentified cases so far this year. The first report was from King Island on January 13th when several witnesses reported an erratic white light that went east at first, then back towards the west before disappearing in the south west. The sighting lasted about 10 minutes. Another large light was reported by two witnesses whilst travelling to Lefroy on March 19th at 11pm, a round orange to yellow light appeared ahead of their car, went out, only to reappear some kilometres further on. The round light disappeared behind a nearby hill leaving a brief glow in the sky.

A more complex series of reports came from two Bruny Island witnesses on May 21st. Over a period of a couple of hours that evening they watched a number of orange lights that moved back and forth in their northern sky. The lights seemed to appear in pairs and would be visible moving in a level path across the sky for a minute or so before they went out. One pair of lights came south and looked to be just north of the witnesses viewing point. Checks by the Centre showed there was no aircraft movements in the area. Investigation included a visit to the witnesses home but no obvious explanation was found for the lights.

What was it that visited one of Hobart's Eastern Shore ovals in the early hours of Tuesday September 17th. To date the case remains unexplained but we have only one witness despite the fact that the report occurred in a built up area only a few kilometres from the city centre. The sighting location is in parkland alongside one of Hobart's major sporting ovals. The event taking place over the parking area for service vehicles at the ground. This area is laid with honeycombed concrete which allows grass to grow through the gaps to give a lawn like appearance.

Our witness who lives nearby had been up about 4am as his mother had to be taken to hospital, it was as the ambulance was leaving that he noticed a flash of light by the sports oval. After going inside his house he looked out and noticed flashing lights near ground level alongside the oval. He was not sure if the lights were at ground level or at the height of the bushes of 2 to 3 mts.

The witness could see a line of flashing green, red, and orange lights, in the centre above these lights was a larger bright round red light. Added to this was a beam of light that came from somewhere in between the line of lights and the red light, this beam was going back and forth across the parkland showing up the bushes and trees clearly.

The witness tried to find an explanation for the lights, thinking they may be a council rubbish truck. However after maybe a minute all the lights went out except the top red light. The red light started to spin faster and faster then moved gradually up vertically, it then angled out to the right over the Derwent River. In a second or two the rapidly spinning red light had disappeared, the witness could not determine if it went off into the distance or just switched off.

The sighting area was visited 3 days after sighting but nothing to readily explain the case was noted. A number of dark curved marks were found on the honeycomb concrete but investigators suspect this was from motorists doing "Wheelies". Samples of the marks were taken for later analysis.

## Sighting Reports

UFO REPORTS 1992.

Berkeley Vale, NSW.

16 5 92 Approximately 10.30 pm. While prawning at the Entrance, witnessed 10 objects in the sky travelling in a northerly direction in formation, my attention was brought to these objects by other people in the area.

The objects were glowing yellow with an outer red ring, as far as I can remember this is how the formation went, the eight in formation stayed in the exact same position. The one at the rear came up from behind at a very fast pace to be in the formation and there was one out to the right of the group who seemed to be brighter than the rest, it went around the group and then left, the others continued to travel North at the same speed until they were out of my view, there was a humming sound associated with the objects. It was not a close formation but quite a distance between the front to the back.

24 5 92 8.30-9.00. Hume Highway near Whittlesea. A motorist pulled over to the side of the highway to watch a flashing moving object for about 2 minutes. When 2 more glowing, hovering lights with another light maneuvering rapidly around the others for 15 minutes. One of the glowing lights then moved from its stationary position and passed over the car. When over the car, observer saw base of object was egg shaped.



glowing ufo  
(not flashing  
lights)



flashing  
lights (ufo  
not glowing)

24 5 92 9.30 pm. Motorist driving from near Whittlesea, saw a large starfish-shaped object with 4 points glowing. After a few seconds, it stopped glowing then started alternating lights from blue to green, red and gold. After 3 minutes, it sped away.

26 5 92 About 8.15 pm. Two witnesses observed an orange light near Narre Warren, object made no sound and was describing "small loops" at various speeds for 2 minutes.

31 5 92 11.55 pm - 12.00 midnight. Large glowing cigar-shaped yellow and orange light reported near Werribee. The object hovered vertically for 3 minutes.

27 6 92 9 pm. Lady motorist driving near Tooradin saw a very bright pulsating light in her rear vision mirror - too high for another car. It came speedily from the south east. When it overtook her car she said it was egg-shaped. She stated she felt "as though all the air had been taken out of her" and suffered considerable shock, later visiting a doctor.

# SOCIETY NEWS

## -MEMBERSHIP FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS-

As was pointed out in the June Edition of the Bulletin, VUFORS has found it necessary to raise the fees, due to large increases in costs such as professional printing of the Bulletin, postage of same, computerisation of membership records and a much higher rental for the hire of our prestigious meeting venue. Unfortunately there was an error in that item and we herewith correct that.

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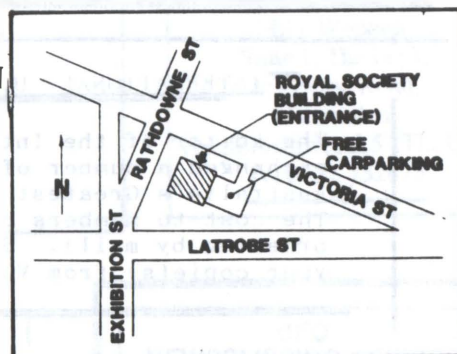
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# SOCIETY HISTORY

# 1957

At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

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